

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/3/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/3/2008
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 1/3/2008, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 2, 19 and 20 under 35 USC 102(e) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-25 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.
 - The prior art fails to teach an apparatus of Claims 1, 3, 12, 19 and 21 that specifically comprises the following:
 - The instant application is deemed to be directed to a non-obvious improvement over the admitted prior art of the instant application and the invention patented in Pat. No. US 7,119,549, US 7,196,979 and US 7,072,355. The improvement comprises:

With regard claims 1 and 19 using a drift calibration sequence, from time to time, to determine a drift value for the timing parameter of the communication channel, wherein drift calibration sequence comprises an algorithm different than used to establish the operation value; and updating the operation value in response to the drift value." as recited in combination with other limitation as claimed in the claims 1 and 19, respectively, and

With regard claims 3 and 21, "wherein the first calibration sequence includes exchanging first calibration patterns between the first component and

the second component, and the drift calibration sequence includes exchanging second calibration patterns between the first component and the second component, wherein the second calibration patterns are shorter than the first calibration patterns." as recited in combination with other limitation as claimed in the claims 3 and 21, respectively, and

With regard claim 12 "the first calibration sequence including iteratively adjusting a value of a first edge parameter, transmitting a long calibration pattern using the transmitter on the first component, receiving the long calibration pattern using the receiver on the second component, and analyzing the received long calibration pattern to determine a value for the first edge parameter; the first calibration sequence also including iteratively adjusting a value of a second edge parameter, transmitting a long calibration pattern using the transmitter on the first component, receiving the long calibration pattern using the receiver on the second component, and analyzing the received long calibration pattern to determine a value for the second edge parameter;" as recited in combination with other limitation as claimed in the claim 12.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Reference(s) US 7,196,979 and US 7,072,355 are cited because they are put pertinent to the Calibration method for communication channels. However, none of references teach detailed connection as recited in claim.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ted M. Wang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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